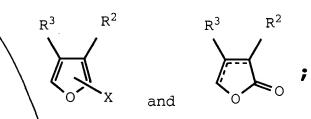
-- 4 A compound of a formula selected from



wherein X is hydrogen or hydroxyl;

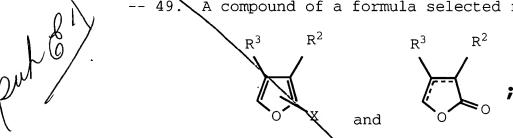
wherein R<sup>2</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and

wherein R<sup>3</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso if when X is hydrogen then  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. --

-- 48. Compound of Claim 4% wherein one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is phenyl substituted with lower alkylsulfonyl or sulfamyl, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. --

-- 49. A compound of a formula selected from



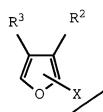
wherein X is hydroxyl; wherein  $R^2$  is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinxl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and wherein  $R^3$  is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from

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with the overall proviso if when X is hydrogen then  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

- -- 50. Compound of Claim 49 wherein one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is phenyl substituted with lower alkylsulfonyl or sulfamyl, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. --
  - -- 51. A compound of the formula



wherein X is hydrogen or hydroxyl;

wherein R<sup>2</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and

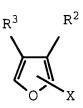
wherein R<sup>3</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso if when X is hydrogen then R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, maphthyl and phenyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. --

-- 52. Compound of Claim 51 wherein one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is phenyl substituted with lower alkylsulfonyl or sulfamyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. --

## -- 53. A compound of the formula

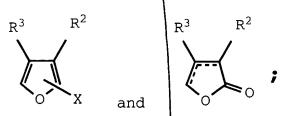
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wherein X is hydrogen; wherein R<sup>2</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and wherein R<sup>3</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall provise if when X is hydrogen then  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. --

- -- 54. Compound of Claim 53 wherein one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is phenyl substituted with lower alkylsulfonyl or sulfamyl, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. --
- -- 55. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of an antiinflammatory compound, said compound selected from a compound of the formula selected from



wherein X is hydrogen or hydroxyl; wherein  $R^2$  is aryl optionally substituted with a radical

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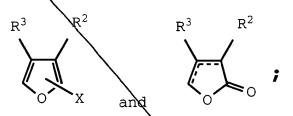
selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and

wherein R<sup>3</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso if when X is hydrogen then  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. --

-- 56. The composition of Claim 55 wherein one of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  is phenyl substituted with lower alkylsulfonyl or sulfamyl, or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof. --

-- 57. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of an antiinflammatory compound, said compound selected from a compound of the formula selected from



wherein X is hydroxyl; wherein R<sup>2</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and wherein R<sup>3</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso if when X is hydrogen then  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and  $\mathbb{R}^3$  are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-promophenyl,

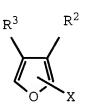
naphthyl and phenyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

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-- 58. The composition of Claim 57 wherein one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is phenyl substituted with lower alkylsulfonyl or sulfamyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. --

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-- 59 A pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically-effective amount of an antiinflammatory compound, said compound selected from a compound of the formula



wherein X is hydrogen or hydroxyl;

wherein R<sup>2</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, sulfamyl and lower alkylsulfonylamino; and

wherein R<sup>3</sup> is aryl optionally substituted with a radical selected from halo, lower alkoxy, lower alkylthio, lower alkylsulfinyl, lower alkylsulfonyl, nitro, amino, lower alkylamino, lower alkylsulfonylamino and sulfamyl;

with the overall proviso if when X is hydrogen then R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are not both p-methoxyphenyl, p-chlorophenyl, p-bromophenyl, naphthyl and phenyl; or a pharmaceutically-acceptable salt thereof.

- -- 60. The composition of Claim 59 wherein one of  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  is phenyl substituted with lower alkylsulfonyl or sulfamyl, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof. --
  - -- 61. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a